



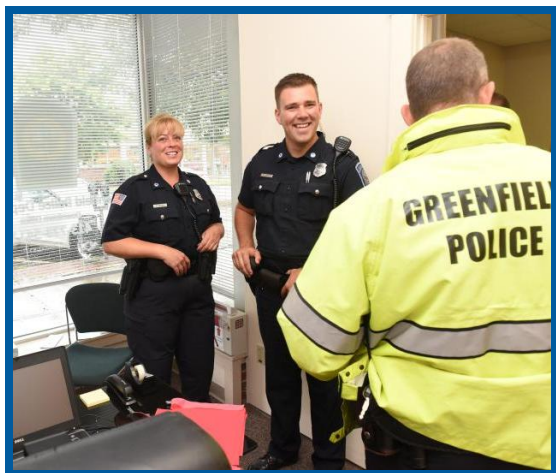
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GPD SUBSTATION OPENS IN GREENFIELD



(L to R) Mayor William Martin, Officer Cody Guilbault, and Chief Robert Haigh celebrate the opening of the police substation at 114 Main Street



(L to R) Officer Patricia West, Officer Guilbault and a fellow GPD officer

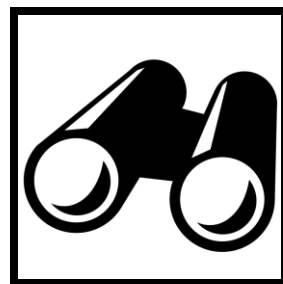
Since actively patrolling downtown Greenfield since April, Officer Cody Guilbault will now have an office of his own at the new GPD substation located in the Planning Department at 114 Main. Mayor Martin and Chief Haigh were joined by GPD officers and members of the public for the ribbon cutting on Tuesday, August 11.

“We want an increased presence in our downtown and this is going to help,” said Mayor Martin. “If this is successful – and we expect it will be – we will be looking in the future at building a public safety complex in or near the downtown.”

Franklin County Technical School shop students helped build the walls with assistance from local inmates from the Franklin County Jail.

According to Chief Haigh, although Officer Guilbault will spend most of his 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. shift patrolling downtown streets, the substation will enable him to do paperwork and interview citizens without having to return to the station at 321 High Street.

ATTENTION ALL DEPARTMENT HEADS!



Tentative schedule for developing the FY2017 budgets. This schedule follows the requirements of the Charter:

Oct. 2, 2015	Capital Budget package out to departments and agencies
Nov. 2, 2015	Completed Capital Budgets due back to Finance Department
Nov. 13, 2015	Operating Budget packages released to departments and agencies
Dec. 21, 2015	Capital Improvement Committee makes final recommendation to Mayor
January 4, 2016	Mayor sends Capital Budget to Town Council (Charter 5-10a)
January 11, 2016	Completed Operating Budget packages due back to Finance Department
March 4, 2016	School Department Budget submitted to the Mayor (Charter 5-2b)
March 30, 2016	Mayor presents Operating Budget to the Council (Charter 5-3)
May 31, 2016	Deadline for action by Town Council (Charter 5-6c)

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

I wish to thank all bargaining units and their respective members for their time, effort and consideration of all topics presented in successor negotiations for collective bargaining agreements on the Town side to come to a mutually satisfactory agreement. The civility, respect, discussion and willingness to listen and consider the Town's finances and needs are much appreciated. As we move forward together to provide services to residents, business owners and institutions to make Greenfield a better community, I am proud of our employees and the unions who represent their interests. I am also proud and appreciative of all employees for the excellent customer service they provide to the taxpayers, which they expect and deserve.



On the so-called "civilian side," special thanks UE Local 274 Clerical Unit Negotiating Committee members Kathleen Garmalo, Kay Lyons and Jerry Marcanio for the contract ratified and executed on June 22nd for the contract period of 7/1/14 to 6/30/17; to Teamsters Local 404 Negotiation Committee members Lenny Fritz and Mike Williams for the contract ratified and executed on June 2nd for the contract period 7/1/14 to 6/30/17; and to SSEA Negotiation Members Alice Connelley, Christy Moore and Marlo Warner for the contract ratified and executed on April 29th for the contract period of 7/1/14 to 6/30/17.

Special thanks to representatives of our public safety units as well for the recent negotiations that are still being finalized and hopefully will be able to be concluded in the near future. Specifically, kudos to Greenfield Fire IAFF Local 2548 Negotiation Committee members Peter McIver, Matt Parody, Jesse Phelps and Andrew Eisch for the contract ratified but yet to be executed for contract period 7/1/15 to 6/30/18; to Greenfield Police Supervisors Unit Local 469B for contract period of 7/1/13 to 6/30/16 with recent conclusion of certain provisions for FY16; and to Patrol 469A and to Dispatchers for on-going negotiations for successor contracts to their previous contract that expired 6/30/15.

Lastly, my goal is to have employees empowered to do their jobs more effectively and efficiently as we move forward with our technology plan for the Town by continued building of our IT department and by investment in new equipment and technologies to increase and better the tools employees use to provide services.

Thank you again to all employees for all you do each day.

Your FEEDBACK
is welcome!

Please send your comments/suggestions to:
Office of the Mayor
mayor@greenfield-ma.gov

Greenfield Earns Insurance Premium Credits through MIIA Rewards

Greenfield has received \$19,048 back on its workers compensation and property casualty insurance costs – applicable toward premiums for the next fiscal year—thanks to an incentive program offered by the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association (MIIA), the municipality’s insurance provider. Greenfield earned the credits through proactive and voluntary participation in loss prevention and risk management activities throughout the year, conducted in partnership with MIIA. In fiscal year 2015, which concluded on June 30, MIIA awarded over \$2.2 million of premium credits collectively to its membership of the Rewards program resulting in a 13-year total of \$24.4 million since the program’s inception.

Committed to keeping the community safer and fiscally stronger, Greenfield implemented loss control and safety measures as well as administrative procedures that reduce the risk of accidents and property damage. In addition, local employees participated in training programs that promote effective management and safe operations. MIIA offers these no-cost programs as a benefit to help member communities reduce their risks as well as insurance premiums.

Stanley Corcoran, Executive Vice President of MIIA said, “Since we launched MIIA’s Rewards incentive program in 2002, our members have worked hard to find innovative ways to mitigate risk, prevent workplace injury, and essentially determine, and lower their own insurance costs. We are pleased to return these funds to Greenfield and look forward to continuing to build upon our partnership through coordinated risk management activities that help prepare employees, keep residents safe, and save taxpayer dollars.”

MEET CHRISTOPHER J. STODDARD, TOWN ENGINEER

Chris grew up in Athol, Massachusetts where he attended grade school. Growing up in Athol Chris loved playing golf in the summer and riding snowmobiles in the winter. He attended the University of Massachusetts – Amherst where he received a Bachelors of Science in Civil Engineering in 2010, as well as meeting his wife Cassandra. Cassandra currently is the Investment Portfolio Manager for Workers Credit Union in Fitchburg. Chris and Cassandra have chosen to take up roots in Athol and recently finished construction of their new home there. Together they have a son Owen who is 4 years old and is very excited to have just started attending preschool here at the Greenfield YMCA.

Chris came to the Town from the City of Fitchburg where he was the Jr. Engineer for almost 4 yrs. As the Jr. Engineer, Chris would oversee all Chapter 90 work, issued permits, and performed inspections. “As the Jr. Engineer for Fitchburg I learned a lot of practical skills and techniques when dealing with issues that arise from aging city infrastructure.”

In his current position within the DPW Chris is able to utilize his education as well as his real world work experience. Says Chris, “The Engineering division has a lot of new and exciting projects coming up in the next couple of years that are aimed at improving the quality of life within the Town of Greenfield.”





AUCTION OF TOWN-OWNED PROPERTIES

Friday, September 11



As a result of Municipal Tax Lien foreclosures, the Town of Greenfield is holding their fourth Tax Possession Public Auction in 18 months with plans to sell 3 homes and 3 land parcels on Friday, September 11 at 12:00 p.m.

Properties being offered this time around include two 2-family homes, 1 single family and 3 various land parcels. Historically, there has been a significant turnout for the auctions and it's been standing room only! The Town has had great success in attaining their ultimate goal – getting them back on the tax rolls to create lost revenue for the Town.

“What an opportunity to invest in the Town of Greenfield,” said Marianne Sullivan, President of Sullivan & Sullivan Auctioneers, LLC. “The Town’s auction is a unique opportunity for prospective buyers to come together in a public forum and bid based what they consider to be fair market value. I cannot believe the property transformations and the rehabs that have taken place. Watching the neighborhoods increase in value due to cleaning up properties and rehabbing has been very rewarding. I know we have done our job when the properties sold are fixed up and back on the tax roll.”

Sullivan & Sullivan Auctioneers, LLC creates an exciting atmosphere for the auction, which will be held in the Town Hall Meeting Room on the 2nd floor in Town Hall. The bidding will start at low nominal pricing and escalates from there. Once the bidding stops, Sullivan will look to the Town for confirmation, before saying “Sold!”